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FROM JOHN BLACKEN

1. DURING MY TOUR OF DUTY IN DAR ES SALAAM AS CONSULAR OFFICER NOVEMBER 1961-DECEMBER 1963 I HAD THE DUTY OF SCREENING AND SELECTING STUDENTS IN EXILE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR STUDY IN THE U.S. UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (SASP). DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD I HAD FREQUENT AND FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES ESPECIALLY FRELIMO'S PRESIDENT, THE LATE EDUARDO MONDLANE. PAULO GUMANE WAS ONE OF FRELIMO'S FOUNDERS AND ITS FIRST DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. IN JUNE 1962 MONDLANE DESIGNATED GUMANE AS THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE EMBASSY WAS TO DEAL CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS. I MET WITH GUMANE FREQUENTLY DURING THE PERIOD JUNE-DECEMBER 1962 CONCERNING STUDENT MATTERS. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS A FRELIMO OFFICIAL IN GOOD STANDING WITH MONDLANE. THE CHARGE THAT I GAVE ENCOURAGEMENT OR FINANCING FOR HIM TO ENGAGE IN ANTI-FRELIMO ACTIVITIES IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

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2. IN JANUARY 1963, DURING MONDLANE'S ABSENCE FROM DAR ES SALAAM, GUMANE FELL OUT WITH MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND URIA SIMANGO, WHO WERE RESPECTIVELY SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO. GUMANE LEFT FRELIMO AND WENT TO CAIRO WITH A SMALL GROUP OF FOLLOWERS.

3. I HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH GUMANE DURING MY TOUR IN DAR ES SALAAM. I CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY MONDLANE. I WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND, ALTHOUGH OUR RELATIONS WERE CORDIAL, I NEVER WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. HE AND OTHERS, HOWEVER, WERE SUFFICIENTLY ACQUAINTED WITH MY VIEWS AND ACTIONS TO KNOW THAT I WAS NOT ANTI-FRELIMO.

4. WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT (JANUARY 1964 TO APRIL 1967), I MANAGED THE SASP AND IN CONNECTION WITH IT MADE TWO TRIPS TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA (APRIL 1965 AND NOVEMBER 1966) TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM WITH U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING FRELIMO. I HAD BRIEF ENCOUNTERS WITH GUMANE DURING MY STOPOVERS IN LUSAKA. DURING ONE OF THESE VISITS HE TOLD ME HE HAD TRAVELED TO PEKING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PRC AND HAD RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CHINESE. THIS INFORMATION GIVEN WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION I ASKED CONCERNING HOW IT HAPPENED THAT HE HAD BEEN QUOTED IN A CHINESE PROPAGANDA RELEASE AS HAVING PRAISED THE CHINESE AND CRITICIZED THE U.S. DURING GUMANE'S STAY IN CAIRO DURING 1963 HE AND HIS GROUP WERE SUPPORTED BY THE UAR GOVERNMENT. THE ACCURACY OF HIS "CONFESSION" WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATER HAD IT INCLUDED THESE DETAILS.

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